

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRADLEY A. RIDLEN,

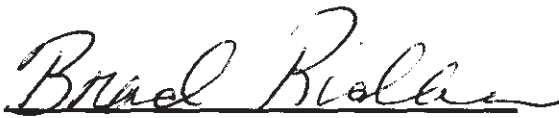
Defendant.

CRIMINAL NO. 11-CR-40058-JPG

**STIPULATION OF FACTUAL BASIS FOR PLEA**

On May 21, 2011, Bradley A. Ridlen posted an advertisement on the website Craigslist seeking out young High School and College aged boys. Mike Andrews, a law enforcement officer with the United States Secret Service cybercrime task force posed as a 15 year old boy and responded to the advertisement. Ridlen and Andrews, after a series of internet chats and telephone texts that are relevant to his intent agreed to meet. Ridlen later showed up at the pre-arranged location in Benton, Illinois, at the agreed upon time and was promptly arrested. The officers recovered from Ridlen's vehicle evidentiary items relevant to his intent.

This stipulation of facts is intended only to provide the Court with a sufficient foundation to accept the defendant's guilty plea and is not an exhaustive account of the defendant's involvement in or knowledge regarding this or other criminal activity.



BRADLEY A. RIDLEN  
Defendant



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